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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicant: KEITH S. WILLIAMS

Group Art Unit: 3617

Continuation Application No: Unknown Examiner: Swinehart, E.

Application Date: 04/19/01

**Title: MARINE GRAPPLING HOOK**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

April 19, 2001

Hon. Commissioner Of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Continuation Application of  
Application No. 09/481,745.

This Preliminary Amendment substantially incorporates the changes and corrections of the Amendment submitted February 12, 2001 to the '745 Application, in Response to the Office Action of December 12, 2000, and which was denied in the Advisory Action dated February 21, 2001.

Please amend the text of the Continuation Application to incorporate the following changes and corrections:

IN THE DESCRIPTION:

Please correct the specification as follows:

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